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From: Kevin Bogardus

Sent: Friday, October 3, 2014 4:32:21 PM (UTC-05:00) Eastern Time (US & Canada)

To: OIG FOIA

Subject: FOIA Request

Copied and pasted below is a Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) request from *Greenwire*. Please confirm receipt of this email. Thank you for your help.

To Whom It May Concern:

This is a request under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

I request copies of all letters referencing Section 6(a) of the Inspector General Act of 1978 sent by the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA) Inspector General to all of EPA's other offices from Jan. 1, 2013 to the present day.

If possible, I would prefer to receive the largest number of records or documents in electronic form.

I am filing this FOIA request as a "representative of the news media" since I am a reporter for *Greenwire* – one of Environment & Energy Publishing's five daily online publications. This designation entitles me to a waiver of fees accumulated during the actual search and review process. Nevertheless, if your agency does determine that I should be charged for any part of this request, please contact me before estimated costs exceed \$25.

This request is made as part of news-gathering activity and is not for commercial use.

The information responsive to this FOIA request will contribute to the public's understanding of your agency and the government at large. This information is not in the public domain but once your agency responds to this FOIA request, it will be printed on our website, www.eenews.net, which has more than 40,000 unique visitors a day. We expect the information that is produced through this and other FOIA requests to serve as the basis for several articles that explain the government's actions and operations to the public. For more information about *Greenwire* and Environment & Energy Publishing, please refer to www.eenews.net.

FOIA requires that if part of a record is exempt from disclosure, you must redact and release all segregated parts. Please describe the deleted material in detail and specify the reasons for believing that the alleged statutory justification applies in this instance.

If my request is denied in whole or in part, please specify which exemption(s) is (are) claimed for each passage or whole document denied. In addition, please give the number of pages in each document and the total number of pages pertaining to this request and the dates of the documents withheld. Such statements will be helpful in deciding whether to appeal an adverse determination.

As required by FOIA, I look forward to hearing from your office within 20 days in response to this request.

If you have any questions about the nature or scope of this request, please call me at 202-446-0401 or email me at kbogardus@eenews.net.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,

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